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### Thanks

- .. Brenda Sinclair for the school wreath presented on ANZAC Day.
- .. Parents of year 7 and 8 children who got Science fair projects / experiments under way during the holidays.
- .. To those parents who contributed to our recent survey.
- .. Mrs Witte for willingness to co-ordinate (and facilitate) this term's after school literacy labs.

### People of the week

- .. those staff and children who represented Matarau School at this week's Dawn Parade.
- .. Mrs Donaldson - welcome back!
- .. Max and Xanthe who participated in the National Water Ski Champs. Max had a tough tournament first year up skiing against the big boys (14 and under) but contributed to the Northland team and had a great attitude. Xanthe also won the national sub junior slalom title while coming second in tricks and overall..

### Current Virtue . . **COMMITMENT**

Our virtue for the first 5 weeks of term 2 is "commitment". Please find support material attached to this newsletter.

So .. please support by ..

- .. discussing this virtue with your child
  - .. tell them how this virtue has impacted positively on your life
  - .. identify areas where this virtue could be further practised at home
- Let us know where we can help. **GOOD LUCK!**

### Coming up this term

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| 30 April   | Reading Labs start   |
| 30 April   | Religious Instruction classes start  |
| 1 May      | Board of Trustees Meeting (6:00 PM)  |
| 2 May      | Junior disco (lunchtime)   |
| 8 / 9 May  | Visit by Ze Bong (Visiting dramatists / literacy workshops. Covered by activity fee. |
| 22 May     | Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament  |
| 25-27 May  | 20 Hour Famine   |
| 29 May     | Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament  |
| 30 May     | HPV vaccination dose 2 (Year 8 girls)  |
| 30 May     | Mobile Ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre                                     |
| 31 May     | Year 7 and 8's rock wall climbing at Taurikura                                       |
| 5 June     | Board of Trustees meeting (6:00 PM)  |
| 11 June    | Visit by team from Education Review Office   |
| 15 June    | Portfolios issued to parents   |
| 20 June    | Visit by reps of Whangarei Girls High (year 8 girls)                                 |
| 25/26 June | Parent / Teacher Interviews  |
| 26 June    | Matarau School Science Fair Prize Giving   |
| 27 June    | Mobile ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre                                     |
| 29 June    | Final day of term 2  |

### **After School Reading Labs**

Reading labs start next week. If your child is involved in this programme we will expect them on the days indicated in your consent (minimum 2 sessions per week please). Please remember to ..

- .. send a snack for after school
- .. pick them up no later than 4:30 PM
- .. let their teacher know if you would like some modifications to their homework load in lieu of this additional work.

### **Reading Recovery**

If your child is involved in the Reading Recovery Programme please set aside time each night to hear him/her read. This is an excellent programme and we want to ensure children get maximum benefit from their involvement (remember that children are placed in the Reading Recovery programme only once). You are welcome to contact Mrs Burgin or Mrs Robertson at any time to discuss your child's progress.

### **Mrs Marvin's Class (Room 5)**

If your child has been placed in Mrs Marvin's class you are asked to show a high level of interest in their work and to ensure that all homework tasks are completed. This placement aims for maximum progress within a 15 week period and then full integration back into regular classes. This class has got off to a great start and the very low numbers are enabling instruction in specific areas of need. Mrs Marvin is more than happy to answer any questions you might have about your child's progress and is happy to have parents sit in on classes.

### **Te Reo Classes**

Parents please note a slight change here. Rather than having 2 shorter duration classes on two days a week we have decided that the year 3 and 4 students will attend this class on Tuesdays 2:10 to 2:50 and the year 5 and 6 children on Wednesday 2:10 to 2:50. The year 7 and 8 children will take a break shortly in lieu of their Science Fair workload.

### **Kapa Haka**

If you are keen for your child to be involved in after school Kapa Haka classes (3:00 to 4:00 PM on a Tuesday - parent pick up at 4:00 PM), and you have not received a consent, please contact Mrs Abbott next week. Mrs Abbott is still keen to hear from parents able to help with this programme - especially if able to play the guitar.

### **Maori Liaison Person**

We are pleased to advise that Toni Pivac has been appointed to the role of Maori Liaison Person. The Maori Liaison Person provides an alternative avenue of communication between Maori families and the Board/School and advise the Board/School on cultural issues. Toni can be contacted on 4351041 or 0211737221. A special thanks to Toni for taking on this role.

### **International Schools Maths and English Competitions**

Entries have been placed with the University of New South Wales. Practice papers will be available from approximately 28 May. More to follow.

### **Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action research**

By now parents should have received confirmation of their child's preferred topic. It would be really helpful if you could assist your child to gather background information on this topic - maybe a trip to the Public Library. Any questions about topics / experiments in the holidays to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on [sco.jo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sco.jo@xtra.co.nz)

### **Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday 1 May starting 6:00 PM - parents are welcome to attend.

### **Famine**

This week interested children years 6 and up received an invitation to participate in this year's 20 Hour Famine. If you would like them involved please return their consent form next week - up to you.

### Sunhats

.. are optional in terms 2 and 3.

### Mobile Ear Clinic

Will be outside Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 to 3:30 Tuesday 1 May. No appointment necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

### Religious Instruction Classes

.. commence Monday 30 April. These classes will operate 9:00 to 9:30 on Monday mornings. Children whose parents have requested non-inclusion will be allocated work for this time and will be supervised and supported by a staff member. If your child was included last year we will assume your consent to include this year. If not included last year we will assume non-inclusion again this year. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you wish to change arrangements or if you have questions about this programme. You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is absolutely your call!

### Junior Disco 2012

The School Council is holding a disco for Years 1-4. It will be at lunchtime on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, Week 2 of Term 2. It is \$1 entry. Make sure you come along in your pyjamas!

### Learning Support Programme - Mrs Comrie

If your child has been nominated for placement in a learning support programme for term 2 please show an interest in their work. Parent support with homework tasks is essential if the benefits of involvement are to be optimised. Mrs Comrie is more than happy to answer questions or even to have parents sit in on sessions.



### Request from the Library

During the coming months there will be lunchtime activities held in the library. For this we require: various sized needles, wool, games and puzzles. If you can be of assistance please contact the office. Thank you very much.

### Netball Fees

A reminder that fees for netball are required to be paid asap. \$40 for Year 5-6 team and \$50 for Intermediate team.

### Finally

Currently staff are analysing achievement data collected in term one. We are particularly interested in how achievement compares with that of earlier years (to identify patterns and trends) and to see if there are individuals or groups in need of further assistance. If your child is involved in any sort of support programme this term please show a high level of interest in what they are doing, support with assigned work and drop by with any questions. Last year a "needs" targeted approach does seem to have significantly reduced the number of children whose achievement was of concern. We are hopeful of the same positive outcomes again this year.

By the way, welcome back.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

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For Rent – 3 bedroom house, Matarau Rd on bus route. Available from 5<sup>th</sup> May, ph 4335814.

For Sale – 2012 Blues Jersey, never worn, size 16 \$110 or ono. Ph Jamahl 4335010.

Garage Sale - Whangarei Swim Club's Monster Garage Sale Fundraiser, Saturday 28th April, 7am start at Kamo Rugby Club, Cake stall, Sausage sizzle, lots of bargains.

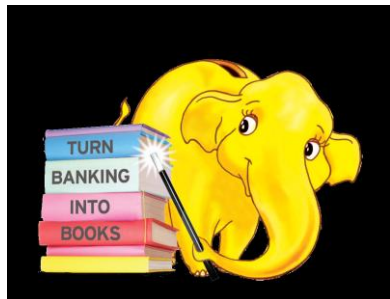
Interested in drama? Rising Starz Performing Arts Trust runs Drama Club for primary school aged children on Sundays from 12pm to 1:30pm. Term 2 begins Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Production at Captaine Bougainville in November. \$50 per term. For more information contact Kerry on 021 269 2311 or Wendy 432 9218.

## School Lunches

**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & grated cheese (optional) & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher. (Note the price increase, apologies but unavoidable).

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince 'n' Cheese Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Wraps and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.



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## ANZAC Poems from Room 12

### WWII

I wish the soldiers good luck.  
As they fight for our special country.  
I wish the world would get along.  
No war, just peace.  
I wish everyone could see what they have done.  
So they can appreciate what they sacrificed for our freedom.  
I wish everyone would remember what the poppy means.  
It is a good reminder for the fallen soldier.  
I wish we did not need soldiers.  
As so many lives would be here today.  
I wish ANZAC Day will only be for memories and come every 25 April so we can remember.

By Eleanor

### I Wish Gallipoli Had a Meaning

I wish Gallipoli had a meaning,  
Why did so many have to die?  
  
I wish those families didn't have to watch their men leaving,  
They must have been so depressed and grieving.  
  
I wish those innocent men didn't have to die,  
They were killed for absolutely nothing.  
  
I wish I could go back in time,  
So I could change what could have been right.  
  
I wish we could have a world of peace,  
Everyone could know they were safe.  
  
I wish Gallipoli had a meaning,  
Those lives could have been saved but weren't.

By Grace